

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 12 of the specification, please replace lines 1-19 (the first paragraph), with the following paragraph:

Although the modality 12 may pertain to the examination of a subject in any number of fields, such as manufacturing, veterinary science, scientific research, etc., the modality is preferably a medical device to retrieve data related to a subject's physical condition. Medical modalities used in radiology include data acquisition equipment for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), ultrasound (US), nuclear medicine (NM) and digitized radiography (DR), computer radiography (CR) and digital fluorography. Other modalities include photographic devices such as high resolution digital cameras; sound capture interfaces such as verbal dictation interfaces, Sound Blaster™ interfaces, and the like; video capture interfaces such as Snappy® brand parallel port video capture devices; flatbed scanners and especially Twain compliant acquisition devices such as Visioneer Paperport®. Still other modalities are for angiography, radiography, endoscopy, microscopy, physical exams and waveform devices to collect EEG and/or ECG data, such as from Hewlett Packard Corporation of Palo Alto, CA and American Medical Devices Corporation of Lowell, MA. In addition, the present invention anticipates other modalities and all of the aforementioned modalities are by way of example, and are not intended to limit the choices that are or may become available in the art. The data may be captured by such devices with assistance of specialized software, such as the plugin or ActiveX control technologies, as described, for example, in copending patent application, U.S. SerialApplication No. 09/199,611, filed November 25, 1998, entitled MEDICAL

NETWORK SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFER OF INFORMATION, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,424,996 B1.

On page 14 of the specification, please replace lines 13-19 (the second full paragraph), with the following paragraph:

The transmitter **20** in secure network system **10** is any device, such as an IP host, computer or server (and may include a firewall or router) that receives medical data and transmits the data through a network. Preferably at least a portion of the network is a public network, e.g., a virtual private network or the Internet. The transmitter may be a server as described in copending patent application, U.S. Serial Application No. 09/199,661, filed November 25, 1998, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,424,996 B1, the contents of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, and ^{further} ~~also~~ includes the transmitter components to be described below.

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